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## Highlights

- Prices • Farm labor
- Mushrooms • Cattle on feed • Hazelnuts

## United States feed ratios

Feed ratios	Aug. 1999	Aug. 2000	Aug. 2001	July 2002	Aug. 2002
Broiler Feed	7.6	7.0	7.8	5.2	4.4
Hog-corn	20.7	28.8	26.6	*18.4	13.8
Milk feed	3.83	3.38	3.62	*2.36	2.20

\* Revised.

## Average prices received by farmers and ranchers

Commodity and unit	U.S. prices Aug. 2001	U.S. prices Aug 15 2002 <sup>1/</sup>	Oregon		
			Aug 2001	July 2002	Aug15 2002 <sup>1/</sup>
<b>Crops:</b>					
Wheat, bu . . . . . \$	2.74	3.60	3.14	*3.53	3.79
Barley, bu . . . . . \$	2.41	2.36	2.02	*2.08	2.28
Oats, bu . . . . . \$	1.25	1.75	1.51	-	-
Hay, Alfalfa baled, ton . . . . . \$	105.00	101.00	116.00	117.00	106.00
Hay, All Baled, ton . . . . . \$	97.40	93.70	110.00	111.00	106.00
Potatoes, cwt . . . . . \$	7.61	8.64	6.60	*8.15	6.70
Onions, fr, cwt . . . . . \$	12.30	15.90	2/	2/	2/
Sweet corn, fr. cwt . . . . . \$	19.20	22.00	2/	2/	2/
Pears, fr. ton . . . . . \$	394.00	460.00	2/	2/	2/
Apples, fr. lbs . . . . . \$	.173	.245	2/	2/	2/
Strawberries, fr. lbs . . . . . \$	.874	.825	2/	2/	2/
<b>Livestock/products:</b>					
Steers/heifers cwt . . . . . \$	73.50	66.30	84.90	*72.50	72.50
Slaughter cows cwt . . . . . \$	43.10	36.10	41.90	*36.50	35.50
Calves, cwt . . . . . \$	106.00	94.70	95.50	*81.00	80.00
Lambs, cwt . . . . . \$	54.80	-	62.00	67.00	-
Sheep, cwt . . . . . \$	32.20	-	29.50	24.50	-
All milk sold to plants, cwt . . . . . \$	16.50	11.20	2/	2/	2/
Fat test . . . . . %	3.55	3.56	2/	2/	2/
Eggs, doz . . . . . \$	.566	.622	2/	2/	2/

<sup>1/</sup> Preliminary.

<sup>2/</sup> Monthly estimate discontinued January 2000.

\* Revised entire month.

## Index numbers of prices received by Oregon farmers and ranchers

Commodities	1910-14 = 100		1990-92 = 100		
	Aug. 2001	Aug. 2002	Aug. 2001	July 2002	Aug. 2002
All farm products	622	611	103	105	102
All crops	572	603	102	112	107
Livestock & prod.	779	636	107	85	87

## United States price ratio

Indexes	1910-14 = 100		1990-92 = 100		
	Aug. 2001	Aug. 2002	Aug. 2001	July 2002	Aug. 2002
Prices rcvd	699	643	110	100	101
Prices paid	1,647	1,656	124	124	124
Ratio <sup>2/</sup>	42	39	89	81	81

<sup>1/</sup> Price Paid, Interest, Taxes & Farm Wage Rates indexes from quarterly reports.

<sup>2/</sup> Ratio of Index of Prices Received by Farmers to Index of Prices Paid. This ratio on 1910-14 = 100 Base is the parity ratio.

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These price indices are designed to track aggregate prices farmers pay and receive over time. The commodity weighting for prices received varies monthly according to what is normally marketed for a given time of year. They can be volatile month to month.

## United States mushrooms

Sales of the 2001-2002 U.S. mushroom crop were 851 million pounds, 1 percent below 2000-2001 and down 2 percent from two seasons ago. Value of sales of the U.S. mushroom crop was \$912 million, up 5 percent from the two previous seasons. The number of growers, at 262, is down 4 from last season. Average price was \$1.07 per pound, up 6 cents from 2000-2001.

Sales of Agaricus mushrooms for fresh market were a record high 695 million pounds, up less than 1 percent from the previous record high set last season. Sales of Agaricus mushrooms for processing were 143 million pounds, 7 percent below last season. Value of sales for all Agaricus mushrooms totaled a record high \$875 million dollars, 6 percent higher than both 2000-2001 and 1999-2000 when the previous record was set.

Value of sales for commercially grown specialty mushrooms in 2001-2002 was \$37.0 million, down 12 percent from the 2000-2001 season. A specialty grower is defined as having at least 200 natural wood logs in production or some commercial indoor growing area. The average price per pound received by growers, at \$2.77, is down 27 cents from the previous season.

Sales of Shiitake mushrooms totaled 7.89 million pounds for the 2001-2002 season, down 12 percent from the previous season. Price per pound received by growers, at \$2.94 is down 23 cents from 2000-2001. Sales volume of Oyster mushrooms, at 4.03 million pounds, is up 11 percent from the previous season. Sales of exotic mushrooms, other than Shiitake or Oyster, were 1.42 million pounds, up 8 percent from last season.

### **Agaricus mushroom production, July 1-June 30 <sup>1/</sup>**

State & year	Area	Volume of sales	Price	Value of sales
	<i>1,000 sq. ft.</i>	<i>1,000 pounds</i>	<i>Dollar/lb.</i>	<i>1,000 dollars</i>
California				
2000-2001	5,247	129,168	1.260	162,988
2001-2002	5,506	128,320	1.330	170,159
Other western States <sup>2/</sup>				
2000-2001	2,279	61,611	1.105	68,078
2001-2002	1,651	48,274	1.178	56,870
United States				
2000-2001	33,340	846,209	.976	825,500
2001-2002	33,315	837,866	1.040	874,536

<sup>1/</sup> Agaricus mushrooms excludes specialty varieties.

<sup>2/</sup> Includes CO, ND, OR, UT, & WA.

### **Specialty mushroom, U.S. total production, July 1, 1999 - June 30, 2002 <sup>1/</sup>**

Year and variety	All Sales			
	Total production	Volume of sales	Price per pound	Value of sales
	<i>1,000 pounds</i>		<i>Dollars</i>	<i>1,000 dollars</i>
1999 -2000				
Shiitake	8,635	8,173	3.29	26,893
Oyster	3,573	3,346	2.16	7,218
Other	1,326	1,211	3.87	4,689
Total U.S.	13,534	12,730	3.05	38,800
2000-2001				
Shiitake	9,391	8,939	3.17	28,314
Oyster	3,817	3,629	2.13	7,745
Other	1,397	1,316	4.69	6,178
Total U.S.	14,605	13,884	3.04	42,237
2001-2002				
Shiitake	8,263	7,893	2.94	23,196
Oyster	4,265	4,028	2.00	8,050
Other	1,541	1,424	4.02	5,727
Total U.S.	14,069	13,345	2.77	36,973

<sup>1/</sup> Specialty mushroom estimates represent growers who have at least 200 natural wood logs in production or commercial indoor growing areas.

## U.S. Cattle on feed down 7 percent

Cattle and calves on feed for slaughter market in the **United States** for feedlots with capacity of 1,000 or more head totaled 10.09 million head on August 1, 2002. The inventory was 7 percent below August 1, 2001 and 1 percent below August 1, 2000. Placements in feedlots during July totaled 1.84 million, 7 percent below 2001 and 4 percent below 2000. Net placements were 1.80 million.

### **Cattle on feed: 1,000 + head, United States, August 1, 2000-2002**

Item	Number			2002
	2000	2001	2002	2001
	<i>1,000 head</i>	<i>1,000 head</i>	<i>1,000 head</i>	<i>Percent</i>
On feed July 1 <sup>1/</sup>	10,339	11,011	10,487	95
Placed on feed during July	1,907	1,986	1,840	93
Fed cattle marketed during July	2,082	2,047	2,193	107
Other disappearance during July <sup>2/</sup>	44	59	45	76
On feed August 1 <sup>1/</sup>	10,180	10,891	10,089	93

<sup>1/</sup> Cattle and calves on feed are animals for slaughter market being fed a ration of grain or other concentrates and are expected to produce a carcass that will grade select or better.

<sup>2/</sup> Includes death loss, movement from feedlots to pasture, and shipments to other feedlots for further feeding.

## U.S. hired workers down 12 percent, wages up 4 percent from a year ago

There were 1.21 million hired workers on the Nation's farms and ranches during the week of July 7 - 13, 2002, down 12 percent from a year ago. There were 966,000 workers hired directly by farm operators. Agricultural Service employees on farms and ranches made up the remaining 240,000 workers.

Farm operators paid their hired workers an average wage rate of \$8.60 per hour during the July 2002 survey week, up 31 cents from a year earlier. Field workers received an average of \$7.91 per hour, up 21 cents from last July. Livestock workers earned \$8.37 per hour compared with \$7.89 a year earlier. The Field and Livestock worker combined wage rate was up 27 cents from last year.

Number of hours worked averaged 39.7 hours for hired workers during the survey week, down 0.2 hours from a year ago.

### **U.S. hired farm workers July 7-13, 2002 <sup>1/</sup>**

Area	Number of hired workers	Expected to be employed		Number of hours worked	Rate for all hired workers	Type of worker			
		150 days or more	149 days or less			Field	Livestock	Field & Livestock workers combined	
	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Per week</i>	<i>Dollars per hour</i>	<i>Dollars per hour</i>	<i>Dollars per hour</i>	<i>Dollars per hour</i>	
PNW <sup>2/</sup>	2002	98	56	42	39.0	9.36	8.32	10.65	8.86
	2001	97	47	50	40.1	8.88	8.41	9.40	8.50
MTN <sup>3/</sup>	2002	30	22	8	48.3	7.62	7.12	7.74	7.42
	2001	34	24	10	46.0	7.61	7.08	7.73	7.37
CALIF	2002	240	190	50	45.7	9.04	8.24	9.80	8.39
	2001	242	192	50	44.3	8.76	7.97	9.49	8.10
U.S.	2002	966	683	283	39.7	8.60	7.91	8.37	8.02
	2001	1,039	722	317	39.9	8.29	7.70	7.89	7.75

<sup>1/</sup> Excludes agricultural service workers.

<sup>2/</sup> Includes Oregon and Washington.

<sup>3/</sup> Includes Idaho, Montana & Wyoming.

## Hazelnut forecast down 64 percent

The 2002 hazelnut production is forecast to be 18,000 tons. If realized, this would be 64 percent below last year's revised crop estimate and 20 percent less than the 2000 production.

The forecasted production, though not a record low, will be the lowest since the 1998 crop.

### **Hazelnuts: Acreage, production, disposition and value, by state, 2000-2002 <sup>1/</sup>**

	<b>Oregon</b>	<b>Washington</b>	<b>United States</b>
	<i>Acres</i>	<i>Acres</i>	<i>Acres</i>
Bearing acreage			
2000	28,300	350	28,650
2001	28,100	3/	28,100
2002	27,800	3/	27,800
Utilized production	<i>Tons</i>	<i>Tons</i>	<i>Tons</i>
2000	22,300	200	22,500
2001	49,500	3/	49,500
2002 <sup>2/</sup>	18,000	3/	18,000
Production sold in shell			
2000	13,800	125	13,925
2001	32,500	3/	32,500
Production sold shelled			
2000	8,500	75	8,575
2001	17,000	3/	17,000
Price per ton	<i>Dollars</i>	<i>Dollars</i>	<i>Dollars</i>
2000	890.00	960.00	891.00
2001	701.00	3/	701.00
Value of production	<i>1,000 dollars</i>	<i>1,000 dollars</i>	<i>1,000 dollars</i>
2000	19,847	192	20,039
2001	34,700	3/	34,700

1/ In-shell basis.

2/ Production forecast as of August 27,2002.

3/ Estimates discontinued in 2001.

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